

The Chronicle and Directory for 1860.

THIS Work, now in the EIGHTEENTH year of its existence, will be published as early as practicable after the close of the current year.

It will be compiled and printed at the Daily Press Office, as usual, from the best and most authentic sources, and no pains will be spared to make the work complete in all respects.

The Publishers request that those persons who have not yet returned the printed forms which have been sent to them to fill up, will be good enough to do so without delay. Any persons who have recently arrived, and whom printed forms have not been sent, are respectfully requested to forward their names and addresses as early as possible for insertion.

DAILY PRESS OFFICE, Dec. 10th, 1860.

BIRTH.—On the 17th Nov., (Memorial Day,) Susanna, the wife of John S. Starkweather, of Rockport, King of a daughter.

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The Daily Press

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 20, 1860.

A GREAT problem is gradually coming before the world for solution, namely, what means can be adopted for the suppression of the Secret and Illegal Societies which exist largely in China itself, and which are transported by the natives of this country to the numerous parts of the world, where they now come under foreign jurisdiction. It appears to have been made to the difficulty which is experienced with respect to them in the United States, show that numerous disturbances and crimes take place among the Chinese there, with their origin in secret associations of this nature. Such combinations are at the bottom of the unpopularity in the Chinese system, and form the chief power in the country, the officials, though nominally invested with very arbitrary attributes, being ready unable to cope with each opposition, and the masses being thus left a prey to their arbitrary conduct. The reports which have been published of investigations into the Secret Societies at Peiping, show that a large number of the men who belong to them are intimidated into joining, and, if they had their way, be only too glad to free themselves from a thralldom, which is probably worse than the most arbitrary system of Government that can possibly be conceived.

Although the subject has not yet been brought under investigation in the United States, the nature of many crimes and disturbances which take place there among the Chinese, clearly indicates their origin in secret associations of this anti-social character, and it seems highly probable from what has taken place in Peiping, before many years, the increasing number of immigrants into the United States will throw up the same troublesome problems, that have for a long time pastured the authorities in the above named Colony, and, in other places. This instinct to form secret societies is deeply ingrained in the Chinese nature, and wherever they settle down it becomes, before long, developed into active operations. A large number of immigrants to the United States and the British Colonies, already belonging to dangerous Secret Societies in China, the most prominent, among which is the celebrated San-Ken-Hwei, or Triad Society; and the fact forms a bond of Union, which soon causes immigrants to swarm together in their newly chosen places of abode, and form branches of the Society constituted after the model of the original one, and, being directly designed as an opposition to the established authority in the country where those belonging to the Societies take up their abode. The main bearing of these combinations may be gathered from the fact that it is a cardinal rule with them that their members shall in no case, where they can possibly avoid it, call in the aid of the police or the Magistrates. By this and other similar means, they continue to keep up an active opposition to the Government under which they live, and secure an impunity from punishment and facilitate for the commission of crime, which are gradually productive of the most serious results, and frequently lead to open disturbances. The power of intimidation which they are able to exert are sufficient to prevent evidence being given in such cases as may come before the authorities for investigation, and they constantly organise crimes of the darkest dye, which, by dint of careful pre-arrangement, are able to perpetrate effectively and with impunity. The power of these Societies has long been beyond the control of the Governmental China, and it now remains to be proved whether Foreign Governments will be able to control it. It is not to be doubted that they will be able to do so sufficiently to prevent any serious disturbance, but it is to be feared that many years will elapse before the evil can be eradicated.

Under an appearance of being governed by the laws of the countries to which they proceed, the Chinese, continue in reality under the thrall of the Secret Societies, which seems probable, can be eradicated only by very severe measures.

CANTON, RACES.

Friday, Dec. 18.—The weather was again fair, and there was a fair attendance of visitors. Unfortunately the broad road to Macao, whilst the races were in progress, was closed, and the course in consequence. The Farwell Cup, in dispute from the previous day, was allotted to Gladstone.

Lotto, 200.—Presented by the Lottery Fund, for All Canton owned Ponies. Canton Ponies 2st, increment: 4 lbs. per cent. Weight: 1000 lbs. per cent. Price: 1000 lbs. per inch. The Lottery Fund is yearly accumulating, and if won 2000 cents, for the first 1000, and 2000 cents for the second, would give 4000 cents, or £1000. Won easily by many lengths. Gladstone started, but was pulled up after the second round. Gladstone was weighed but did not come up to weight.

Lotto, 2000.—Presented by the Silk Brothers of Canton. For All Canton owned Canton Ponies. Canton Ponies 2st, increment: 4 lbs. per cent. Weight: 1000 lbs. per cent. Price: 1000 lbs. per inch. The result of this race was a surprise, 6 to 1 having been offered on the Fra. A very pretty race, Fra. Davies leading the first before the start, and then being overtaken and won by many lengths, Gladstone closing.

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From the accounts in the Singapore papers the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to the British Legation in Canton, and subsequently there as in Japan and China. Complaints are made of want of courtesy on his part, in not replying to an invitation sent to him from the Club, but it certainly seems difficult to believe that there was not some fault on the part of the Singapore residents, judging from the manner in which H.R.H. conported himself both here and in Japan.

Last night an unusually brilliant display of fire from burning grass, was observed on the hills.

The right Pictor has been, for some days, lying at anchor under Chang-chou, and there is no considerable uncertainty as to the reason why this is the case.

The Government Gazette notifies that His Excellency Sir Richard Graves Macdonald (G.B.) has been placed on the List of Extraordinary Officers, and will be entitled to a distance of Entrance 50.

GRAND DUKE.—A large number of ladies and children were present at the court, and a distance of 100 feet, from Thursday, the 2nd, to Saturday, the 25th instant, inclusive, and on New Year's Day.

The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will sit, Wednesday, 22d instant, in place of on Tuesday.

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A SINGULAR TRANSACTION.

The following extract is from the 1st October, 1860, issue of the Times, of the 1st October, 1860.

Davies Brothers and Co., foreclosing an opportunity for a new turn in the lotus attempt to buy gold, bought from Mr. John Morgan, some \$10,000 worth of gold on a deposit of securities in London. When the risk of Friday last was at its height the order to sell this gold was given to a broker, Sheriff, and has ever since been a voluntary prisoner in the Sheriff's house. We refrain from repeating the details of this singular transaction, but we have no hesitation in saying that the Sheriff of Kent is quite innocent, but that he is guilty of negligence. The case is on the dockets, and will be called up for trial at the present session of the court.

HYDROPHOBIA FROM FEAR.

The following incident, related in the Liverpool Mercury, is curious. The name of this victim of fear forthwith comes up in a letter to a Shanghai paper concerning the liability of persons to contract nervous affections, similar to those effects to hydrophobia, through fear.

THE MISSIONARIES AT PRINK.

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ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer Enna, Capt. Babot, from Bombay 29th November, Callao 1st

Panam 7th, and Singapore 10th, instant, with the London mail of 29th October and 6th November, arrival yesterday.

The latest telegrams published in the *Brussels Times*.

LONDON, 6th November.

Latest telegrams from Italy state that Victor Emmanuel is very ill. Victor Emmanuel is the son of the King of Sardinia, and the heir apparent to the throne of Italy.

The Emperor had a fit of apoplexy, and was confined to bed, but recovered, and is now walking about again.

The Emperor is reported to be in a critical condition.

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Vessels on the Berth.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.

THE SYCAMORE
Capt. Rockwell will leave for the above Ports, Tuesday, the 2d instant, at 3 P.M.
Drapery, 1,000 pieces, \$150 per cwt.
Dr. F. W. & Co., Agents.
DAVID SASSEN, SONS & CO.
1235 Hongkong, 14th December, 1869.

STEAM TO
SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHEW.

THE P. & O. NO. 10
will have quick passage from the above places.
Capt. W. M. McAllay, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. U. Office, Hongkong, 16th December, 1869. (M 330)
HONG SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHEW
The Steamship

FOR FORMOSA.

Captain Tappin will have immediate dispatch for the above port.
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1237 Hongkong, 17th December, 1869.

FOR SAIGON.

THE A. British Barque
Capt. Staines, Master, will have quick dispatch as above.
EDWARD SUDDELL HAGG & CO.
1231 Hongkong, 16th December, 1869.

FOR LONDON direct.

The vessel has very large and fine cabin accommodation for passengers. Parties wishing to engage passage apply to the Captain.

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ROBERTSON & CO.
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FOR MELBOURNE AND BY SEA.

The well-known A. clipper ship

MISCELLANEOUS.

A general list of vessels has now been issued by order of the Circular of the Board of Trade. It is as follows:-Mr. Gladstone presents his compliments to Mr. Murdoch, and would be glad to know what he has or expects to be made of it. He also sends his respects to Mr. Murdoch, and of the two would be least objectionable, and under what pretence it may be done. Stamped envelope enclosed. *Court Journal.*

THE CHURCH AGAINST A SECRET

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER—The Presbytery of Perth held a meeting in the Middle Kirk, for the purpose of considering a petition presented by Mr. Murdoch, a member of the Middle Church Parish, complaining that the Rev. Mr. Murdoch had stated publicly from the pulpit that they were ignorant, godless, god-hating, impudent, profane, and irreverent persons. It further appeared that Mr. Murdoch had intimated that he would not dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the forthcoming communion service, unless the Presbytery would accept his resignation. The Presbytery accepted his resignation, and told him that by that which does not please God. These remarks were overheard by Chinese, who, with a little rice and a change from China, even though it was a secret, were compelled to leave the neighborhood, we were terrified to suffer, if previous to that intimation by the police who had arrived at San Francisco.—*Mercantile Register.*

